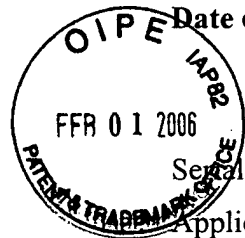


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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

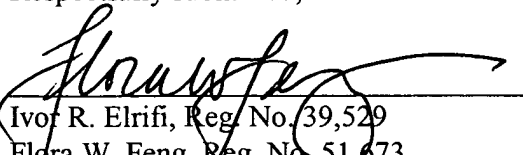
1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 24, 2006 (11 pages);  
and
2. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (212) 935-3000, New York, New York.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. **50-0311** Ref. No. **27373-501 UTIL**. Please address all correspondence to Customer Number **35437**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT MAILED JANUARY 24, 2006**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Compliant Amendment mail dated January 24, 2006, Applicants hereby resubmit in its entirety the Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action mailed January 13, 2006 with the required amendment. This Response is due on or before February 24, 2006 with no extensions.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 11 of this paper.